GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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IGNORANCE OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that poor patients are being ignored by the premier hospitals like AIIMS, New Delhi for their assistance in hospitalization and treatment;

(b) the number of poor patients have been given financial assistance in AIIMS in the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) the details of funds allocated to the AIIMS for assistance to poor patients during the above period; and

(d) the action being proposed by the Government to implement it properly by the AIIMS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d) :So far as the AIIMS is concerned, all life saving emergency medicines and surgical sundries are procured and stocked by the Hospital and are available for use in the inpatient wards in hospital. In addition, poor and indigent patients are provided financial assistance from National Illness Assistance Fund (NIAF). Poor and indigent are also helped in getting the specialized medicines prescribed in the OPD by the Medical Social Service Officer and clinical faculty. The medicines for diseases like Tuberculosis, leprosy and other national programmes are given free as per availability of such medicines in the hospital. AIIMS has received Financial assistance of Rs. 1,31,47,200/-W.e.f. 27.1.98 to 30.9.2001under National Illness Assistance Fund out of which a sum of Rs. 1,26,50,031/-has been disbursed to 362 patients till date.